



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-01464

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Reported Crimes Involving Theft

### Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

#### Request 1

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to ask for information on crimes reported within your area between June 1st 2017 and May 31st 2018 (inclusive). Could you share the following: -  
The number of offences involving theft reported in total.

#### Answer

The answer below provides the number of crimes of burglary, robbery and thefts recorded between 1st June 2017 and 31st May 2018 (Inclusive). Those crimes recorded against incidents to which property classified as 'Stolen' and described as 'General Property\Communications device' or 'General Property\Computers, parts or accessories' was linked, are included in the answer to Request 2. Those where victims were defined as 'Person' are enumerated in response to Request 3, while those where victims are defined as 'Business' are enumerated in response to Request 4. Definitions relating to this information can be found on the [Police Recorded Crime Statistics User Guide](#).

**Please note:** This information is based on data extracted from a live recording system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant. All figures from 1st April 2018 are provisional and subject to change.

The number of burglary, robbery and theft offences recorded from 1st June 2017 to 31st May 2018 (inclusive) can be found in the pivot table supporting spreadsheet ('Pivot Table-Crime') of the Recorded Crimes statistical monthly update, the latest of which was published on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and can be downloaded on the [PSNI website](#). The provisional figure for the time period of interest was **30,847**.

#### Request 2

The number of those offences that involved the taking of computing and communications devices i.e. mobile and smartphones, tablets, laptops, desktop computers, computing equipment.

**Answer**

Of those offences, **2,344** were recorded against incidents that had property classified as 'Stolen' and described as 'General Property\Communications device' or 'General Property\Computers, parts or accessories' linked to them.

**Request 3**

How many of the reported takings of computing and communications devices were from private individuals.

**Answer**

Of those 2,344 offences, **2,032** had a person victim recorded against them.

**Request 4**

How many of the reported takings of computing and communications devices were from businesses or other organisations (e.g. local Government, health services, etc.)

**Answer**

Of those 2,344 offences, **312** had a business victim recorded against them.

**Request 5**

The number of those reported offences committed by individuals riding on a vehicle i.e. a moped, bicycle or motorbike. For example, in the case of the London paramedic mugged by moped thieves.

**Answer**

PSNI Statistics Branch have confirmed no records identified in relation to crimes recorded where the vehicle linked to the incident against which the crime was recorded was classified as 'Involved in offence' and the vehicle description was 'Moped' in the requested time-frame.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

